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MEDIATION FULMINATION.

The somewhat picturesque and rhetorical passage at words arms between the State Department and the director of the Pan-American Union is to be regretted more because of the undignified spectacle which it presents than because of any concrete mischief which it is likely to do.

The plan of sending some prominent American, or a commission of Americans, to Mexico to mediate between the factions would indeed be commendable on one indispensable condition.

If, however, through the approval of the Mexican government there were an opportunity for this country to exercise its good offices in that way, undoubtedly it should be improved.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE MEANINGS.

Senator Lodge expresses the opinion that the words "all nations" in the disputed clause of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty do not include in their meaning the United States, but really mean "all other nations."

LETTING CRIMINALS LOOSE.

Police Commissioner Waldo has been a persistent critic of the leniency of the courts. The testimony of Judge Swann, of the Court of General Sessions, before the Aldermanic committee last week, threw light on that leniency.

TIME TO SAY NO.

Says Miss Grace C. Strachan regarding the fund of \$44,000 which school teachers are said to have subscribed to reward her for lobbying through the "equal pay" bill.

There are many who will disagree with Senator Lodge, moreover, in thinking that the general tenor of the treaty supports his interpretation of those words.

Great Britain for her renunciation of the powers and privileges which that former treaty gave her. It would have been of no value to her simply to be assured of equal privileges with all other nations, since she was already assured of that under the familiar "most favored nation" provision.

LIVES AT STAKE.

It seems to make no difference to the Board of Aldermen that though for more than a year there have been efforts to obtain an ordinance for safer moving picture theatres, and though a recent fire in one of these places caused two deaths and injuries to numerous persons, there is yet no such ordinance.

MORE TRUST CONVICTIONS.

Our neighbor "The New York Times," which is reluctant to think that individuals can be convicted under the Sherman anti-trust law for committing what it calls "crimes created by statute," takes pains to prove that the offences charged against the officials of the National Cash Register Company were actual crimes, not crimes created by the Sherman anti-trust law.

AGAINST STATE INSURANCE.

A number of large employers of labor have addressed a letter to employers generally against the Murtagh-Jackson State Insurance bill. This bill would compel employers who enter into an agreement with their workmen for the compensation of injuries received in the course of their trade to contribute to a state fund.

OLD MEXICO.

It's Mexican or Mexican? However it may be, But some one ought to smash that whole darn Mexicanite.

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As if we did not have enough diplomatic trouble already with Mexico, here come the English suffragettes pouring green paint on mail for the United States.

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NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Washington's Birthday Celebration Will Enliven this Week.

Washington's Birthday, on Saturday, will be spent by society to a great extent among rural surroundings, and will be made the occasion of many week-end parties at the various suburban resorts and country houses in the vicinity of New York.

Meanwhile the fashionable world here continues in a festive mood altogether out of keeping with what were once regarded as the requirements of the penitential season. There are dances every evening, and sometimes several of them on the same night, while the round of entertainments goes on as merrily as ever.

Foreigners of note are plentiful in New York just at the present time. Lord Althorpe has just arrived from the West Indies and is staying at the Waldorf.

The Master of Tophelshien, eldest son and heir of Lord Tophelshien, is at the Ritz-Carlton, as are also the newly married Duke and Duchess de Richelieu, while the British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce have been in the city for the last few days, as the guests of John L. Cadwallader, at his house, in East 56th street.

Among the weddings of the week is that of Miss Georgia Williams to Amos Cutting Schermerhorn on Thursday, at the Fifth Avenue house of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Williams. The ceremony will be performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Nelson of Albany.

Mrs. Arthur Turnure has selected Saturday week as the date of her wedding to Frederick K. Stinson, at her house, in East 71st street. She is the widow of Arthur Turnure, who left her with two children, and was formerly Miss Elizabeth Harrison. Her fiancé, who was graduated from Yale in 1911, is a widower, with four children, his first wife having been Miss Emma Burnham.

Mrs. Prescott Hall Butler's house, in Park avenue, will be the scene to-morrow afternoon of a concert for the benefit of the New York City visiting committee of the State Charities Aid Association. Among the patronesses are Mrs. August Heckscher, Mrs. Cleveland H. Dodge, Mrs. Richard Irvine, Mrs. Hildebrand L. Roosevelt and Mrs. C. Grant La Farge.

Mrs. George L. Rivers, Mrs. Samuel Stevens Sands, Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell and Mrs. Archibald C. Thacher are busily engaged in making all the necessary arrangements for the "bol masque" which is to be given to-morrow week at the Plaza for the benefit of the South Side Hospital, on Long Island. There will be a floor committee consisting of Aymar Johnson, August Belmont, Jr., Robert C. Watson, Theodore Crain and William Wood, and the affair promises to be one of the most successful of mid-career entertainments.

Another fête of the same nature is that which is to take place on Thursday week at Sherry's for the benefit of the West Side Juvenile Club, of which Howland Davis is president. The patronesses of this dance and carnival include Mrs. C. Ledyard Blair, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., Mrs. Lindley Hoffman Chapin, Mrs. Goodhue Livingston and Mrs. Moses Taylor Payne, while the committee in charge of the affair comprises Miss Esther Cleveland, Miss Agnes Gandon, Miss Josephine Nicoll, Miss Margaret Trevor, Miss Betty Carson and Miss Cornelia and Miss Catherine Chapin.

Still another costume dance on the schedule is that set for Easter Monday in aid of the Jewell Day Nursery. Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Mrs. J. Kenneth Olyphant and Mrs. A. Dupont Irving are in charge of the entertainment.

Ysaie violin playing will be the principal feature of the programme of the concert which is to take place at the Waldorf-Astoria on the afternoon of Tuesday week for the benefit of the American Society's Friends' Society Institute. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Florence Doane, No. 18 West 34th street. Among the patronesses are Mrs. Morris K. Josp, Mrs. John W. Minton, Mrs. Alfred Josp, Mrs. Frank S. Witherbee and Mrs. Charles Scribner.

Miss Winifred Holt's annual fête for the benefit of the New York Association for the Blind will take place in the ballroom of the Hotel Astor on March 25, and the proceeds will go to the new building of the association at No. 118 East 58th street, where the cornerstone was laid last year by President Taft. Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mrs. Richard Irvine and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman are assisting Miss Holt in organizing the entertainment.

The Lenten Sewing Class of the Fresh Air Association of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine meets on Tuesday morning at the house of Mrs. Richard Irvine, in West 29th street.

WASHINGTON.

Peyster, meets to-morrow morning at Mrs. Frederick A. De Peyster's house, in East 86th street.

Mrs. Joseph W. Harriman has issued invitations for a Tea-Dansant at the Ritz-Carlton on the afternoon of March 23.

Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell will give the second of her afternoons with music to-day at her house in East 88th street.

Mrs. Frank S. Witherbee will give a dinner on Thursday at her house, No. 4 Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Philip M. Lydig will give afternoon receptions on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at her house, No. 28 East 84th street.

Mrs. Joseph Todhunter Thompson has issued invitations for a dinner on Thursday at her house, No. 10 East 78th street.

An auction bridge party will be given on Friday in the assembly room of the Colony Club, through the courtesy of Mrs. James A. Wright, to raise funds to carry on the civic work of the public forum of the Church of the Ascension. Tickets at \$5 may be obtained from Mrs. George Eldridge, No. 27 Fifth avenue, and Miss Beatrice Rossiter, No. 130 East 67th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Vingt have arrived in town from St. James, Long Island, and are at the Hotel Vanderbilt for a fortnight. Mrs. Vingt was Miss Edith A. Gaynor, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Gaynor.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston Livingston, Jr., of Hewlett, Long Island, are at the Vanderbilt for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Monell, who were at the Plaza for a short stay, have returned to their villa at Tuxedo.

Mrs. Gifford A. Cochran, owing to a death in her family, has recalled the invitations she had issued for a dance on Wednesday at the Ritz-Carlton.

Mrs. Charles E. Whitney, who has been staying at Palm Beach with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Bourne, has returned to town and is at the Gotham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ledyard Blair and the Misses Blair, who are at the Ritz-Carlton, are booked to sail on Tuesday for the Mediterranean and Egypt.

Mrs. William Goddard is established for the remainder of the spring at the St. Regis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Church Osborn are leaving town for Europe on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Livingston Hoyt will entertain a large house party at their place at Staatsburg, N. Y., over Washington's Birthday and the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew leave town for Palm Beach on Wednesday.

Mrs. Alfred Wagstaff has cancelled all her engagements, owing to a death in the family.

Mrs. H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy and Miss Maud Kennedy have gone to Washington for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coppel depart for California on Thursday and will be away for about six weeks.

Mrs. John J. Chapman, who was Miss Elizabeth Chanler, is recovering at the Woman's Hospital from an operation for appendicitis which she underwent on Thursday.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt and her fiancé, Mr. Richard Derby, who have been spending a few days at Hyde Park, N. Y., with Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Rogers, return to-morrow. Miss Roosevelt is one of the most intimate friends of Mrs. Rogers's daughter, Mrs. Kenneth B. Schley, and was a bridesmaid at the latter's wedding.

WASHINGTON.

At the White House. The President and Mrs. Taft went to the Capitol this morning to attend the Sherman memorial exercises. They were accompanied by Mrs. Taft's sister, Mrs. Thomas K. Laughlin; Mrs. A. Garrison McClintock, Miss Mary A. Keys, of Cincinnati, her house guest; Major Rhoades and Mr. Hilles.

To-night Mrs. Taft took Miss Taft and her party of house guests, all Bryn Mawr students, to the National Theatre, where they occupied two boxes. The Bryn Mawr girls are Miss Dorothy Wolf, Miss Margery Thomson, Miss Rebecca Lewis, Miss Terry and Miss Emerson Lamb, who arrived last evening, and Miss Arthur, who came to Washington to-day.

THE CABINET.

Mrs. Wickersham joined the Attorney General at their Washington home to-day, after spending some days at Cedarhurst, their home on Long Island. They have arranged to leave Washington for a prolonged absence, sailing from San Francisco for a trip around the world on March 15.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Stimson will entertain at dinner on Tuesday night in honor of the British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

The French Ambassador, Jean of the diplomatic corps, and Mme. Jusserand, with all of the foreign Ambassadors and Ministers and a number of the younger diplomats, filled the diplomatic gallery in the Senate to-day during the Sherman memorial ceremonies.

The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce, who are in New York as the guests of John Cadwallader, will return to Washington Tuesday morning.

Mme. da Gama joined Señor da Gama at the Brazilian Embassy to-day, and to-morrow night she and the ambassador will be the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Westcott.

The second German secretary and Mme. Kienlin entertained a number of guests at luncheon to-day.

The counselor of the German Embassy and Mme. Haniel von Haimhausen will entertain at luncheon to-morrow.

The Minister from Guatemala and Señora Dona Luz Mendoza entertained a number of guests at dinner to-night. Among the guests were the Spanish Minister and Señora de Riano, Director John Barrett, and Miss Renold d'Azay and Mrs. Thomas C. Dawson. The dinner was given for Mrs. Reynolds Hitt, wife of the Minister to Guatemala.

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

A number of dinner parties were given to-night, one of the most interesting being that at the home of Mrs. James W. Pinchot. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harlow entertained at dinner, and Rear Admiral and Mrs. Hemphill took a party to dine with them at the Chevy Chase Club.

The usual dinner dance was given at the Chevy Chase Club to-night. Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Timmons being among the hosts and entertaining for Miss Fairbanks, the cousin of Mrs. Timmons. In their party were Miss Julia